

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-8. (Canceled)

9. (Previously Presented) A camera, comprising:

a focal point detection device that detects a focal point adjustment state of a photographic lens in each focal point detection region of a plurality of focal point detection regions set inside a photographic field;

an optical viewfinder through which a subject is viewed;

a monitor that displays a position of each of the focal point detection regions superimposed on a subject image taken using image-capturing elements;

a region selecting member that manually selects an arbitrary focal point detection region from within the plurality of focal point detection regions; and

a focal point adjustment device operating in a manual region selection focal point adjustment mode, that carries out focal point adjustment of the photographic lens based on focal point detection results for the focal point detection regions manually selected using said region selection member;

a sensing section that senses a non-used state of said monitor; and

a prohibiting section that prohibits manual selection of focal point detection regions by said region selection member when the non-used state of said monitor is detected.

10. (Previously Presented) A camera, comprising:

a focal point detection device that detects a focal point adjustment state of a photographic lens in each focal point detection region of a plurality of focal point detection regions set inside a photographic field;

an optical viewfinder through which a subject is viewed;

a monitor that displays a position of each of the focal point detection regions superimposed on a subject image taken using an image-capturing element;

a region selecting member that manually selects an arbitrary focal point detection region from within the plurality of focal point detection regions; a focal point adjustment device operating in a manual region selection focal point adjustment mode, that carries out focal point adjustment of the photographic lens based on focal point detection results for the focal point detection regions manually selected using said region selection member;

a sensing section that senses that a photograph is being taken using said optical viewfinder; and

a prohibiting section that prohibits manual selection of focal point detection regions by said region selection member when it is sensed that a photograph is being taken using said optical viewfinder.

11. (Previously Presented) The camera according to claim 9, wherein:

as well as the manual region selection focal point adjustment mode, said focal point adjustment device can also operate in an automatic region selection focal point adjustment mode for carrying out focal point adjustment by automatically selecting any focal point detection region among a plurality of focal point detection regions, and a central fixed focal point adjustment mode for performing focal point adjustment using focal point detection result for focal point detection regions in the center of said photographic field, and

said prohibiting section prohibits selection of manual region selection focal point adjustment mode when the non-used state of said monitor is detected by said sensing section.

12. (Original) The camera according to claim 10, wherein:

as well as the manual region selection focal point adjustment mode, said focal point adjustment device also operates in an automatic region selection focal point adjustment mode for carrying out focal point adjustment by automatically selecting any focal point detection region among a plurality of focal point detection regions, and a central fixed focal point adjustment mode for performing focal point adjustment using focal point detection result for a focal point detection region in the center of the photographic field, and

said prohibiting section prohibits selection of manual region selection focal point adjustment mode when said sensing section senses that a photograph is being taken using said optical viewfinder.

13. (Original) The camera according to claim 11, further comprising:

a mode switching section that switches the automatic region selection focal point adjustment mode to the central fixed focal point adjustment mode in the event that the non-used state of said monitor is sensed when the automatic region selection focal point adjustment mode is being selected.

14. (Original) The camera according to claim 12, further comprising:

a mode switching means that switches the automatic region selection focal point adjustment mode to the central fixed focal point adjustment mode in the event that it is sensed that the photograph is being taken using said optical viewfinder when the automatic region selection focal point adjustment mode is being selected.

15. (Original) The camera according to claim 9, wherein:

a warning is issued in the event that said region selection member is operated when manual selection of the focal point detection region is being prohibited.

16. (Previously Presented) The camera according to claim 10, wherein:

a warning is issued in the event that said region selection member is operated when manual selection of the focal point detection region is being prohibited.

17. (Original) The camera according to claim 9, wherein:
said sensing section senses the non-used state of said monitor when said monitor is turned off.
18. (Original) The camera according to claim 10, wherein:
said sensing section determines that the photograph is taken using said optical viewfinder as a result of sensing that a photographer is looking through an eyepiece of said optical viewfinder.